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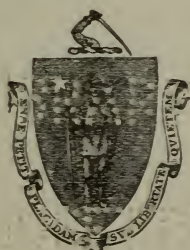


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REPORT.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Dec. 15, 1905.

To His Excellency WILLIAM L. DOUGLAS, *Governor*.

SIR:—In compliance with the requirements of chapter 249 of the Acts of 1903, the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine submits its annual report for the year 1905.

The number of persons who have applied for registration during the year is 26, all of whom have been examined except 3.

The number of applicants on the rejected list who have been re-examined is 5, 3 of whom have secured registration.

The whole number of individual examinations given this year is 30. The result is as follows:—

	Examined.	Registered.	Rejected.
February examination, . . .	12	9	3
July examination, . . .	14	8	6
November examination, . . .	4	2	2

Nineteen men have therefore been registered as a result of examination, and two men have been registered whose applications were under reconsideration at the time of our last report.

The Board has registered 379 veterinarians to date.

It having been proved to the satisfaction of the Board that a certificate had been granted to an applicant under the three-year clause of section 3, chapter 249, Acts of 1903, who either swore to a false statement, or else that which he considered the practice of veterinary medicine could not be so construed by the Board under any circumstances; therefore, in accordance with advice from the Attorney-General, the Board revoked and annulled this certificate.

As in the future the attention of the Board may be brought to other cases where a certificate has been granted to an applicant who has misrepresented facts upon which depended the granting of said certificate, or where the holder of a certificate has committed some felony or crime, it is recommended that an amendment be made to chapter 249, Acts of 1903, explicitly conferring upon the Board power in such cases to revoke and annul certificates.

The Board has held 13 meetings during the year, of which 3 were for the purpose of examination.

One hundred and three complaints of violation of the law have been received; but, as the law makes no provision for investigating complaints, nothing very effectual could be accomplished in this direction. As the benefit of the law comes chiefly from its enforcement, it is recommended that this Board be given the same power as that conferred on the Board of Registration in Medicine, in chapter 76, Revised Laws, section 6, which reads as follows:—

The Board shall investigate all complaints of the violation of the provisions of section 8, and report the same to the proper prosecuting officers.

It is the unanimous opinion of the members of the Board that the services performed by them and necessitated by the requirements of the law warrant the request for an increase in salary.

The law requires the Board to examine applicants in the following subjects: anatomy, physiology, materia medica, therapeutics, bacteriology, pathology, animal parasites, diagnosis and practice, obstetrics and surgery. It has been found that this work cannot be successfully accomplished in

one day; and the Board recommends that the application fee for examination be increased from \$5 to \$20, in order that the Commonwealth may be adequately compensated for its expense in conducting the examination.

The receipts of the Board, which according to law have been paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth, have been as follows :—

Form B, fees at \$2 (reconsidered and accepted),	\$4 00
Form C, fees at \$5,	140 00
Total,	<u>\$144 00</u>

The expenses of the Board have been as follows :—

Salaries and travelling expenses of members,	\$457 59
Clerical assistance,	233 80
Printing and postage,	129 82
Stationery and supplies,	22 55
Miscellaneous,	32 93
Total,	<u>\$876 69</u>

In the Appendix to this report will be found a copy of the law under which the Board acts.

Respectfully submitted,

LANGDON FROTHINGHAM.

E. W. BABSON.

THOS. E. MALONEY.

G. P. PENNIMAN.

HENRY S. LEWIS.

APPENDIX.

LAW RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF VETERINARIANS.

[CHAPTER 249, ACTS OF 1903.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE.

Be it enacted, etc , as follows :

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint five veterinarians, residents of this Commonwealth, and graduates of a school of veterinary medicine recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, who shall constitute a board of registration in veterinary medicine. Their terms of office shall begin on the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and four, and they shall hold office, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years, or until their successors are appointed; and the governor shall appoint annually thereafter, before the first day of December, beginning with the year nineteen hundred and four, one veterinarian, qualified as aforesaid, who shall hold office for five years from the first day of January next ensuing. Any member of said board may be removed from office for cause by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council. The members of the board shall each receive a salary of fifty dollars a year, and their necessary travelling and contingent expenses actually incurred in attending meetings of the board. The said salary and expenses shall be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. The members of said board shall meet on the second Tuesday of January in each year, at such time and place as they shall determine, and shall immediately proceed to organize by electing a chairman and a secretary, who shall hold their re-

spective offices for the term of one year. Said board shall hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday of March, July and November of each year, and such additional meetings at such times and places as they may determine. Said board may make by-laws and rules not inconsistent with law necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. Said board shall notify all persons practicing veterinary medicine in this Commonwealth, of the provisions of this act by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in this Commonwealth, and every such person who is a graduate of a recognized school of veterinary medicine, and also every person who has been a practitioner of veterinary medicine in this Commonwealth for a period of three years next prior to the passage of this act, shall, upon the payment of a fee of two dollars, be entitled to registration, and said board shall issue to him a certificate thereof signed by its chairman and secretary. Registration under the provisions of this section shall cease on the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and four. All applications for registration under this act shall be made upon blanks furnished by the board, and shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant.

SECTION 4. Any person not entitled to registration as aforesaid who is twenty-one years of age shall, upon the payment of a fee of five dollars, be entitled to examination, and if found qualified by the board shall be registered and shall receive a certificate of registration as provided in section three. Any person who fails to pass a satisfactory examination and is therefore refused registration may be re-examined at any regular meeting of the board within two years of the time of such refusal, without additional fee, and thereafter may be examined at any regular meeting upon the payment of a fee of five dollars for each examination. The fees received for examination and registration of applicants before the board shall be paid monthly by the secretary of the board into the treasury of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 5. Examinations shall be held at least twice annually, and shall be exclusively in writing, in English. There shall be suitable questions to test the requisite knowledge of the applicants in the following subjects: — Anatomy, surgery, physiology, animal parasites, obstetrics, pathology, bacteriology, diagnosis and practice, therapeutics and materia medica.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of said board to keep a register of all practitioners qualified under this act, which shall be open to public inspection, and to make an annual report to the governor.

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful after the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and four for any person to practice veterinary medicine, or any branch thereof, in this Commonwealth who does not hold a certificate issued by said board.

SECTION 8. Any person not registered as provided by this act who shall practice veterinary medicine or any branch thereof in this Commonwealth shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 9. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to prohibit advice or service, in a case of emergency, by a person not entitled to practice veterinary medicine under this act, and the provisions of section nine of chapter seventy-six of the Revised Laws relating to the practice of medicine within the Commonwealth by physicians and surgeons shall, so far as they may be applicable, apply to the practice of veterinary medicine or any branch thereof by veterinarians.

SECTION 10. Except as otherwise provided herein this act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 16, 1903.*]

